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SUBJECT: EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING APRIL 25

1. SUMMARY: DIRECTORS WELCOMED REPORTS THAT SOVIETS IN HELSINKI HAVE ACCEPTED PROCEDURE FOR CONCURRENT DISCUSSION OF BASKETS ONE AND THREE ON A DAILY BASIS, FIRMLY OPPOSED USE OF BRACKETS AS DEVICE TO SPEED UP MPT, FORESAW A POSSIBLE CSCE MINISTERIAL IN JULY, AND OPPOSED HELSINKI AS SITE FOR PHASE THREE. DIRECTORS WELCOMED KISSINGER SPEECH AS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN FUTURE US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS AND WILL DISCUSS IT MORE FULLY MAY 24-25. (DAVIGNON THINKS ONLY FRENCH MIGHT RESIST CLOSE STUDY OF US INITIATIVE BY THE NINE.) MBFR NOT DISCUSSED BY DIRECTORS. END SUMMARY.

2. DAVIGNON BRIEFED ME APRIL 26 ON EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING PREVIOUS DAY. HE SAID MAJOR PART OF MEETING DEVOTED TO HELSINKI CLOSEST TO THE TRUTH AND WAS CONFIRMED TODAY TO DCM BY EX-MINISTER ORMACHEA. THIS IS THAT EX- CAMPESINO AFFAIRS MINISTER HUMEREZ WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN AN ANTI- BANZER CONSPIRACY WITH CIVILIAN OPPOSITION GROUPS, PARTICULARLY MAN AND MNRI ELEMENTS, AND SOME UN-IDENTIFIED JUNIOR MILITARY OFFICERS. THIS CONSPIRACY, LUDICROUS AS IT SOUNDS GIVEN THE LIMITED CAPABILITIES OF HUMEREZ AND LIMITED INFLUENCE OF MAN AND MNRI, WAS APPARENTLY TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY BANZER, WHICH CAUSED HIM TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO FIRE HUMEREZ. BANZER APPARENTLY USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OTHER CABINET CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN PENDING FOR SOME TIME; SOME OF WHICH, LIKE THAT OF VALVERDE, WERE LONG OVERDUE. SOME SOURCES SUGGEST THAT ALTHOUGH BANZER

DID NOT BELIEVE HUMEREZ CONSPIRACY HAD GONE VERY FAR, HE USED IT AS A PRETEXT TO MAKE HIS CABINET CHANGES. ALTHOUGH ORMACHEA DID NOT SAY SO, OTHER SOURCES HAVE LINKED ADETT ZAMORA, COLONEL JOSE PATINO, GENERAL MIRANDA AND EVEN CARLOS ITURRALDE TO THE CONSPIRACY.

3. ACCORDING TO ORMACHEA, MAN CHIEF GONZALO ROMERO, NOW IN HIDING FROM THE POLICE (LA PAZ 2433), AND OTHERS PLAYED ON HUMEREZ' LISSOCIATION WITH BARRIENTOS DURING THE BARRIENTOS YEARS, AND CONVINCED HUMEREZ THAT HE COULD BE ANOTHER BARRIENTOS THUS USING HIM CRUELLY TO THEIR OWN ENDS. ORMACHEA SAID THE CONSPIRACY NEVER REALLY GOT OFF THE GROUND, BUT HUMEREZ' INVOLVEMENT IN IT WAS SUFFICIENTLY DEEP TO CAUSE BANZER TO ACT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE EVER HEARD HUMEREZ' NAME LINKED WITH POLITICAL CONSPIRACY, ALTHOUGH IT HAS LONG BEEN BELIEVED, PARTICULARLY BY MNR SOURCES, THAT ADETT ZAMORA, MIRANDA, PATINO AND OTHER ANTI- MNR FIGURES HAVE BEEN PLOTTING. WHILE THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MIND THAT THESE LATTER FIGURES HAVE CONSISTENTLY CONSPIRED TO DRIVE THE MNR OUT OF THE BANZER GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS A FORM OF DISLOYALTY TO BANZER WHO IS COMMITTED TO KEEPING THE MNR IN THE GOVERNMENT, THERE NEVER HAS BEEN ANY CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE CONSPIRED TO OVERTHROW BANZER.

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4. ORMACHEA SAID THAT BANZER' S DISCOVERY OF HUMEREZ' PLOTTING COINCIDED IN TIME WITH RENEWED DEMANDS BY MNR CHIEF PAZ FOR CABINET CHANGES, SPECIFICALLY REMOVAL OF PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES ORMACHEA AND ITURRALDE BECAUSE OF THEIR HISTORIC ANTIPATHY TOWARDS THE MNR. OTHER SOURCES HAVE ALSO REPORTED THAT PAZ HAS BEEN DEMANDING CABINET CHANGES BUT THEY REPORT THAT PAZ' FOCUS WAS ON ADETT ZAMORA. IN ANY EVENT, ACCORDING TO ORMACHEA, WHO TOLD THE DCM THAT HIS POSITION HAS BEEN SHAKY IN THE CABINET FOR SOME TIME NOW, BANZER FOUND IT CONVENIENT TO MEET PAZ' DEMANDS AT THE SAME TIME HE REMOVED HUMEREZ. THE REST OF THE CABINET CHANGES, ORMACHEA SAID, WERE MADE SIMPLY BECAUSE BAN
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